Judicial and Miscellaneous. The Committee pursued a consistent policy of recommending the abolition of a large number of special pays grouped under the heading of added responsibility, including those at present granted to Principals of Colleges, Deputy Directors of Public Instruction, the Principals of the Forest and Agricultural Colleges, the Forest Working Plans Officers and Research Officer, the Headquarters Deputy Director of Agriculture and other similar posts. They also recommended the abolition of the "arduous duties" special pay at present drawn by Settlement Officers. They agreed that a small special pay might be given to the Secretary and two Assistant Secretaries in the Board of Revenue on the analogy of secretariat departments.

2. They also recommended reductions in almost all conveyance allowances in the above departments and the complete abolition of some allowances of this description.

3. The Committee have thus succeeded, during their present session of five meetings, in making an exhaustive survey of many hundreds of allowances, which it is hoped will result in very considerable economy.

4. The Committee will meet again for about a week on the 20th October.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17*th September* 1931.

G. R. F. TOTTENHAM,
Retrenchment Secretary.

APPENDIX XXVIII.

[Vide Item XVII "Papers laid on the table of the House" at page 134 supra.]

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCE (RETRENCHMENT) DEPARTMENT.

PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ.

Dated Fort St. George, the 14*th September* 1931.

The following summary of the progress achieved in the matter of retrenchment during the current financial year may be of general interest.

2. The Retrenchment Committee have held two sessions—the first, consisting of four meetings, in Ootacamund, and the second, consisting of nine meetings, in Madras. They are at present holding their third session in Madras.

3. The Committee have examined in detail the expenditure of five departments, viz., Medical, Public Health, Jails, Registration and Labour; and their resulting recommendations are calculated to secure

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an ultimate reduction of expenditure, chiefly of a recurring nature, of about Rs. 23 lakhs and an increase of revenue of about Rs. 2 lakhs in these departments. The distribution is approximately as follows:—

Department.	Reduction of expenditure.	Increase of revenue.
(1)	(2)	(3)
	RS. LAKHS.	RS. LAKHS.
1. Medical	6·50	·75
2. Public Health ...	11·00	Including a reduction of about Rs. 6 lakhs in the future scale of grants for water-supply and drainage schemes, in order to bring expenditure down to the level of earlier years, and the abolition of the anti-drink propaganda grant of Rs. 2 lakhs.
3. Jails	2·25	...
4. Registration ...	1·50	1·25
5. Labour	1·75	...
Total ...	23·00	2·00

The above recommendations have been forwarded to Government and they have already accepted certain of the proposals, involving savings of about Rs. 4 lakhs a year, viz., about Rs. 1·25 lakhs each under Medical and Labour, nearly Rs. ·75 lakh each under Public Health and Registration, and a small amount under Jails, where the main item of retrenchment is the closure of the Alipuram Jail at the end of the year. The remaining proposals are still under consideration.

4. The Committee have conducted a partial examination of the Public Works Department expenditure and have tentatively recommended a reduction in the future scale of expenditure on major works alone (Buildings, Communications and Irrigation) of about Rs. 15 lakhs compared with the present level. In addition they have examined in detail the General Hospital and the Madura Headquarters Hospital schemes and have recommended savings in the former amounting to about Rs. 8 lakhs and the stoppage of all further work on the latter. They expect to be able to recommend further considerable reductions in future expenditure on Minor works and on Maintenance and Repairs and also corresponding economies on establishment charges. The orders of Government under this head must await the final recommendations of the Committee.

The Committee have not dealt with the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

5. In addition, the Committee have spent a considerable time in examining certain general questions affecting all departments, such as Pay and Allowances. They have already recommended reductions in

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the rates of travelling allowances of all kinds and certain preliminary cuts in compensatory and cost of living allowances. Their present series of meetings is being confined to a further and more detailed examination of all allowances and, particularly, special pays. The financial effect of the reductions already recommended under Travelling Allowances and Compensatory Allowances alone cannot be precisely estimated, but is probably about Rs. 10 or 12 lakhs a year. It is understood that the majority of these recommendations have been accepted by Government and will be given effect to shortly.

The Committee still have to make recommendations about special pays and salaries, and will then resume their detailed examination of the expenditure of the remaining departments.

6. The sum total of the ultimate savings anticipated from the recommendations of the Committee up to date is thus in the neighbourhood of half a crore of rupees a year while the savings so far accepted (or shortly to be accepted) by Government may be put at about Rs. 15 lakhs a year. Further savings may of course be expected when Government have passed orders on the remaining proposals.

7. In addition to, and to some extent independently of, the activities of the Retrenchment Committee described above, the Government have themselves been engaged for the last few months in cutting down expenditure during the current year in order to keep pace as far as possible with the fall in revenue, as compared with the budget estimates, which is anticipated on account of the present conditions.

For this purpose they have ordered considerable immediate cuts in the budget provision of all departments, under certain general heads, such as Contingencies, Supplies and Services and Petty Construction and Repairs, and they have also accepted certain recommendations from heads of departments for immediate reduction of expenditure in other ways, in advance of the Retrenchment Committee's detailed examination of their budgets. The surrenders secured by these means already amount to over Rs. 20 lakhs, including about Rs. 4 lakhs under Police, Rs. 3 lakhs under General Administration, Rs. $2\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs under Forests, Rs. $2\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs under Pensions, Rs. $1\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs under Jails (exclusive of the Committee's recommendations), Rs. $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under Land Revenue and Rs. $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under Medical (in addition to the Committee's recommendations) and Rs. 1 lakh under Agriculture.

8. Finally, the Chief Engineers have been called upon to postpone expenditure on works of all kinds, so far as this can be done without incurring breaches of contracts or delaying essential construction or repairs. The Retrenchment Committee have examined the proposals of the Chief Engineers and have recommended savings in the current year on buildings amounting to Rs. 16 lakhs. Their examination of the proposals for immediate savings on communications and irrigation works has not yet been completed, but surrenders of over Rs. 6 lakhs under Irrigation have already been made, and of Rs. $2\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs under Grants-in-aid for Roads and Bridges and Water-supply and Drainage schemes.

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9. The sum total of the immediate savings secured by the methods described in the two preceding paragraphs is thus also not far short of half a crore of rupees. Owing particularly to the fall in Excise Revenue, this amount will have to be considerably increased before the end of the year, if serious inroads upon the Provincial balances are to be avoided.

G. R. F. TOTTENHAM,
Retrenchment Secretary.

APPENDIX XXIX.

[Vide Item XVII "Papers laid on the table of the House" at page 135 supra.]

LAW (REGISTRATION) DEPARTMENT.

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

U.O. Note No. 4785-*C*-1, *dated* 23*rd September* 1931.

With reference to the answer to the supplementary question to question No. 26 answered on the 3rd August 1931, the information contained in the annexure hereto is placed on the table of the House.

V. N. VISWANATHA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Legislative Council Office (with enclosure).

ANNEXURE.

* 26 *Q.*—MR. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that every year a temporary joint sub-registrar is appointed in the Registrar's office at Mangalore, for about four months from June;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that usually an experienced clerk of the office is appointed for the post in the absence of a probationary sub-registrar;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that there was a vacancy of a temporary joint sub-registrar this June also; if so, whether the registrar recommended an experienced clerk who had acted for nearly two years as a sub-registrar;

(*d*) whether the Government or the Inspector-General of Registration turned down the proposal of the Registrar and ordered a junior man from Hosdrug to be appointed for the job; if so, why the claims of the senior officer have been ordered to be superseded; and